The State of Kerala has been allocated an amount of Rs. 94.26 crore in Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) for the year 2007-08 consisting of Rs. 70.70 crore as Central contribution and Rs. 23.56 crore as State Contribution. The 1st instalment of Central share of CRF amounting to Rs. 35.35 crore has been released to the State Government on 26th June, 2007. Keeping in view the severity of the situation, the Government of India has released the 2nd instalment of Central share of CRF amounting to Rs. 35.35 crore, in advance, on 18th July, 2007. In addition, Rs. 50.00 crore has also been released by the Government of India to the State Government on 7th August, 2007 on an 'on account' basis from the National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF) for carrying out relief operations in the areas affected by heavy rains/ floods during 2007.

Delay in approval for Gujarat Control of Organised Crime Bill, 2003

1120. SHRI KESHUBHAI S. PATEL:
SHRI KANJIBHAI PATEL:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Gujarat Control of Organised Crime Bill, 2003 is still awaiting the approval of Government; and

(b) if so, the hurdlles coming in the way for approval of this Bill, whereas the similar Bills of other States have already been approved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI V. RADHIKA SELVI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The State Legislations reserved for the consideration of the President are examined by the Government of India from three angles *viz.*, (a) conflict to any Central law, (b) deviation from National or Central Policy, and (c) legal and Constitutional validity. In the case of Gujarat Control of Organised Crime Bill, 2003 there are policy and legal issues which need to be sorted out and no time-frame can be fixed for achieving the same.

Requested by Orissa Government for waiving off 90 crores

1121. SHRI B.J. PANDA:
MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the cash-strapped Orissa Government has requested the Centre for waiving Rs. 90 crores it owes to them for engaging Central paramilitary forces to fight Maoists, because of its poor financial health;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the status of the case; and

(c) what is the time-frame by which the approval of the Centre would be conveyed to the State in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (c) Government of India has exempted the cost of deployment of specified battalions of Central Para Military Forces, deployed

on anti-naxalite duty, in naxal affected States, including Orissa, for a period of three years, with effect from 1st July, 2004.

The State Government of Orissa has recently requested for waiver of about Rs. 90 crore, pertaining to the cost of deployment of some battalions of Central Para Military Forces with effect from 1st April, 2002.

While all efforts will be made to take an expeditious decision on the request of Government of Orissa, no time-frame can be specified for the same.

Increase in suicide rate among Kashmiri youths

†1122. SHRI SHATRUGHAN SINHA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is constant increase in the number of young boys and girls who try to commit suicide in Kashmir;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor as per Government information;

(c) whether Government have figures in this respect;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, whether Government propose to get information in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (e) As intimated by the State Government of Jammu and Kashmir, in year, 2006 and 2005, 140 and 127 cases of suicide, respectively, were reported. From January 2007 till August 18, 110 cases of suicide by young girls and boys have been reported. The reasons, therefore, are domestic/ financial compulsions, strained relations, failure in examinations and dowry demands.

Home Secretary level talks between India and Bangladesh

1123. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR:
SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether talks between India and Bangladesh at Home Secretary level were recently held in New Delhi;

(b) if so, the nature of discussions held and the decisions taken thereon;

(c) the action taken by two Governments to implement them; and

(d) by when next round of similar talks is expected to be held?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI V. RADHIKA SELVI): (a) Home Secretary level talks between India and Bangladesh were held on 2-3 August 2007 at New Delhi.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.